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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1972

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Fourth Committee (A/8621, para. 9)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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- 1. At its 1487th meeting, on 17 December 1971, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1424) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Fourth Committee (A/8621, para. 9).
- 2. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that, as a further transitional measure, provision shall be made, under section 12 of the regular budget of the United Nations for the financial year 1972, for an amount of \$1.00,000 to ensure continuity of the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa, pending the receipt of adequate voluntary contributions.
- 3. In his statement (A/C.5/1424), the Secretary-General indicated that an additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 would be required under section 12 of the budget for 1972 if the draft resolution is adopted by the General Assembly.

- 4. In an oral report, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stated that the Advisory Committee concurred in the statement of the Secretary-General.
- 5. The Fifth Committee decided without objection to inform the General Assembly that an additional appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 would be required under section 12 of the budget for 1972 if the above-mentioned draft resolution recommended by the Fourth Committee is adopted by the General Assembly.
- 6. Following this decision, one delegation stated that, if the proposal had been put to the vote, it would have voted against it since it considered that such funds should be financed through voluntary contributions rather than from the regular budget. Noting that the Fund had been established in 1967 as an interim measure, that delegation expressed the opinion that this annual allocation should be discontinued. Consequently it hoped that the Advisory Committee would review the present practice of financing the Programme in the light of the critical financial situation.